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Attorney General John Ashcroft
US Department of Justice, 950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

This correspondence is to show my support for the proposed settlement that has been reached between the Justice Department and Microsoft. The litigation has lasted for over three years, and the time has come to worry more about our slumping economy than a company who has been vital to the economy.

It is nice to see that the government and Microsoft both realized that the best way to stop a recession is to attack the problem at its source. As soon as the antitrust suit against Microsoft was announced, the market started to dive. The longer the litigation lasted, the lower our economy sunk. The settlement will allow the IT industry to be more competitive, and Microsoft will have to work closer with their competitors. They will actually share information and source code to their products just so their competitors can make products that are compatible with Microsoft's.

All in all, this settlement is the best thing that could have happened, and I support it all the way.

cc: Senator Rick Santorum

Sincerely,



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